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SUBJ: AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS  
(CNAD) MEETING, APRIL 1976

REF: AC/259-D/499 DTD 14 APRIL 1976.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REFERENCE WHICH IS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER  
AGENDA ITEM VII (B) AT THE FORTHCOMING CNAD MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT.

CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS  
RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS FOR MATERIAL  
SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS  
REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE  
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AT ITS 16TH MEETING(1) THE FOLLOWING BRIEF REPORT IS SUBMITTED  
FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CNAD.

2. WHILE THE DISCUSSION AT THAT MEETING WAS BASED ON A UNITED

STATES RECOMMENDATION AND DEALT MAINLY WITH PROBLEMS OF PREDUCTION VERSUS CONSUMER LOGISTICS, THIS PARTICULAR DECISION HAD ASKED THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENCE SUPPORT TO WORK WITH THE MAS TO CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS FOR MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS AND THEIR APPLICATION AND REPORT THE RESULTS AT THE NEXT CNAD MEETING.

3. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE MAS THAT THIS QUESTION HAS TO BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF STANDARDIZATION OF ASSEMBLIES, COMPONENTS, SPARE PARTS AND MATERIALS (ACSM) WHICH HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER STUDY AT THE 14TH MEETING OF CNAD(2) AND WHICH WILL BE REPORTED ON UNDER THE NEXT POINT OF THE AGENDA OF THEIR MEETING BY THE CHAIRMAN OF MAS (SEE AC/259-D/496).

4. THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF MAS IN HIS REPORT ON ACSM STANDARDIZATION TO SET UP A GROUP OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS FOR MATERIEL STANDARDIZATION MIGHT BE LOOKED AT IN THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF A MORE COHERENT APPROACH TO LOGISTICS.

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(1) AC/259-DS/16(FINAL), ITEM IV(6), DATED 4TH NOVEMBER, 1975

(2) AC/259-DS/14(FINAL), ITEM VIII(4), (5) AND (6), DATED 6TH NOVEMBER, 1974.

IN PARTICULAR IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT THE IMPETUS GIVEN TO STANDARDIZATION MATTERS BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY (AC/297) SHOULD NOT BE LOST. ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO TRANSLATE THE PROBLEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO A MORE NORMAL ROUTINE OPERATION.

5. I BELIEVE THAT A "GROUP OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS ON MATERIEL STANDARDIZATION" CAN ALSO ASSIST IN THE FORMULATION OF AN OVERALL STANDARDIZATION POLICY FROM AN ENGINEERING POINT OF VIEW. CONSEQUENTLY, THE NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT SUCH A GROUP BE ESTABLISHED, AFTER RECEIPT AND EXAMINATION BY THEM OF THE STUDY GROUP PAPER WHICH MAS INTENDS TO CIRCULATE IN LATE SPRING(1).

END TEXT.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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